

# CHESS MOVES

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Chess is a thinking man's game. Every move in chess is not easily understood. However, every move makes sense. **SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS A CHESS GAME**. The enemy relies on strategy to defeat you. He relies on using people to get to you. His moves are unpredictable yet calculated.

If you understand the game of chess you will be able to comprehend the functionality of spiritual warfare. Chess is not a game of speed, finesse, power or dominance. It is a game of **TIMING!** Learning **WHEN** to make the right move is more important than making the right move.

When you are engaging in spiritual warfare you must master the art of timing. Mastering the art of timing will help you anticipate the enemy's next move and it will help you understand his current move. People who do the right thing at the right time will always win.

## HERE'S WHAT I MEAN:

- If you encourage someone **WHEN THEY ARE SEEKING** to be lifted up you will be praised by them because you gave them what they needed at the right time.
- If you've decided to work in excellence at a time where your manager manages people who performs at a **MEDIOCRE LEVEL** you will be noticed and promoted because you did the right thing at the right time.

IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE, TIMING IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND.

## THE FIRST WAR

Genesis chapter 2 and 3

The first act of spiritual warfare happened in the garden of Eden. In Genesis chapter two Adam was given dominion

over all the earth. God created a woman to assist him by the name of Eve. Adam was wealthy beyond measure.

He was God-like. Whatever he said manifested into existence. Everything on the earth submitted to his authority. He did not lack anything.

He attracted everything good and nothing was made difficult for him. The serpent (devil) **NEVER** appeared until Adam became prosperous and had dominion over everything.

**WISDOM NOTE: THE FIRST CHESS MOVE** the enemy made was to appear in the garden of Eden when Adam had something valuable to take. **WHEN YOU BECOME PROSPEROUS THE ENEMY WILL SHOW HIS FACE.**

The enemy did not appear as a destructive force. He did not come with an army of demons. He appeared as a serpent. A serpent is a **CLEVER** spirit. The enemy understood the landscape. He knew who had dominion.

He also knew who was vulnerable. The enemy never spoke to Adam. He **IMMEDIATELY** approached Eve because she was the weaker vessel.

**WISDOM NOTE: THE SECOND CHESS MOVE** the enemy made was to influence the weaker person to believe his lies. When the enemy wants to destroy you he will approach a person close to you and attempt to influence them to believe his lies.

When the enemy approached Eve he attacked her **MIND**. He wanted to challenge her intellect so she would question God's instruction that she received from Adam.

The enemy was clever enough to twist God's words so they would appeal to Eve's desire. Eve's desire was to be wise. The enemy studied her weakness and capitalized on it.

**WISDOM NOTE: THE THIRD CHESS MOVE** the enemy made was to capitalize on Eve's weakness and appeal to

her inner desire. The enemy influences and distorts the people closest to you by causing them to follow their selfishness instead of righteousness.

Unfortunately, the enemy succeeded at deceiving Eve. He was winning in spiritual warfare. He clouded Eve's mind and judgment with lies. The enemy's strategy to steal Adam's dominion was working.

The enemy used Eve to get to Adam because he knew Eve had influence **OVER** her husband. Once Adam **DISOBEYED** God's instruction he lost his dominion. He lost the Kingdom of God. Adam never knew he was under attack.

He was in spiritual warfare and was clueless about it. Throughout the entire chapter of Genesis two and three the devil was making chess moves. Please reference Genesis 2:7-25 and Genesis 3:1-13.

If you do not learn the mechanics of spiritual warfare you will become a **CASUALTY** of war. Ask the Lord to teach you the chess moves of spiritual warfare.

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